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WARSAW FOR SECRETARY VANCE AND ASST SEC ATHERTON

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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S ATTENDANCE AT JERUSALEM MEETING AND ISRAELI  
PROPOSALS FOR THE AGENDA

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1. SINCE I HAD PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED MEETING WITH  
FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN THIS MORNING, DEC 30, I  
TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO TELL HIM ABOUT THE SECRETARY'S  
PLAN TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION TO ATTEND THE JERUSALEM  
MEETING AND HIS CURRENT THINKING ABOUT HIS TIMING.  
DAYAN HAD BEEN ANXIOUS, OF COURSE, TO LEARN ABOUT HIS  
TIMING AND HAD ASKED ME TO TRY TO OBTAIN AN INDI-  
CATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE SCHEDULE OUTLINED IN  
REFTEL WAS EXCELLENT FROM DAYAN'S PERSPECTIVE. IN LIGHT  
OF THAT SCHEDULE, HE SUGGESTS THAT THE EGYPTIAN AND  
ISRAELI DELEGATIONS USE SUNDAY, JAN 15, FOR SOME  
INFORMAL PREPARATORY TALKS, WITH THE SESSION BEGINNING  
FORMALLY ON MONDAY, THE 16TH, WITH SECRETARY VANCE  
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IN ATTENDANCE. IF PROBLEMS REGARDING THE AGENDA STILL  
REMAIN TO BE WORKED OUT BY THAT TIME, THEY COULD  
PERHAPS BE RESOLVED ON SUNDAY SO AS NOT TO WASTE THE  
SECRETARY'S TIME.

2. DAYAN HAS ASKED THAT WE CONVEY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE  
TO THE EGYPTIANS HIS SUGGESTIONS FOR THE AGENDA FOR THE

JERUSALEM MEETINGS. IN THE ISRAELI VIEW, THE AGENDA WOULD HAVE THREE ITEMS: A. THE STATUS OF THE ISRAELI CIVILIAN SETTLEMENTS EAST OF THE LINE FROM EL-ARISH TO RASS-MUHUMMAD; B. PRINCIPLES OF THE PEACE TREATY CONCERNING JUDEA, SAMARIA, AND THE GAZA DISTRICT (THE ISRAELI PROPOSAL FOR SELF-RULE FOR THE PALESTINIAN ARABS, RESIDENTS OF JUDEA, SAMARIA, AND THE GAZA DISTRICT); C. ELEMENTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PEACE TREATIES. IF THE EGYPTIANS HAVE COUNTER-PROPOSALS FOR THE AGENDA, HE SUGGESTS THEY BE FORWARDED THROUGH EMBASSY CAIRO AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE SO AS TO TRY TO IRON OUT DIFFERENCES WELL BEFORE THE CONFERENCE BEGINS.

3. HAVING IN MIND THESE AGENDA SUGGESTIONS, DAYAN THOUGHT THAT FOR THE TWO DAYS OF THE SECRETARY'S PARTICIPATION, ONE DAY, PERHAPS THE 16TH, COULD BE DEVOTED TO ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN ISSUES, AND THE SECOND DAY, THE 17TH, DEVOTED TO THE PALESTINIAN, WEST BANK AND GAZAN ISSUES. HE ASSUMES THAT THE EGYPTIAN DELEGATION WILL WANT TO MAKE COUNTER-PROPOSALS ON BOTH SUBJECTS TO THE PROPOSALS MADE ALREADY BY THE ISRAELIS, AND THEY WOULD WISH TO DO SO IN THE SECRETARY'S PRESENCE. (IF, ON THE OTHER HAND, THE EGYPTIAN COUNTER-PROPOSALS WERE TO BE FORWARDED THROUGH US TO THE ISRAELIS BEFORE THE MEETINGS BEGIN, THIS MIGHT FACILITATE GETTING DOWN IMMEDIATELY TO CONFIDENTIAL

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SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATION WHILE THE SECRETARY IS IN JERUSALEM. THE ISRAELIS WOULD BE HAPPY TO HAVE THE COUNTER-PROPOSALS AHEAD OF TIME, BUT OF COURSE LEAVE THIS TO THE EGYPTIANS.)

4. WITH RESPECT TO THE SUBJECT OF DEMILITARIZATION OF THE SINAI, DAYAN ASSUMES THAT THE MILITARY MEETINGS IN EGYPT WILL BEGIN A FEW DAYS EARLIER THAN THE MEETINGS IN JERUSALEM. IF THAT IS THE CASE AND THEY HAVE SUCCEEDED IN RESOLVING THE DEMILITARIZATION QUESTION BEFORE THE JERUSALEM MEETING OPENS, THEN THE JERUSALEM MEETING COULD CONCENTRATE ONLY ON THE ASSOCIATED POLITICAL ISSUES SUCH AS THE STATUS OF THE ISRAELI CIVILIAN SETTLEMENTS. IF NOT, THE DEMILITARIZATION SUBJECT COULD WELL COME UP IN JERUSALEM AS WELL AS IN EGYPT, ALTHOUGH HE REGARDS IT AS MORE APPROPRIATE, HE SAYS, FOR DISCUSSION IN EGYPT.

5. DAYAN SEEMS TO BE CONVINCED FROM SOME OF THE CONVERSATIONS AT ISMAILIA, THAT THE EGYPTIANS ARE VERY COOL TO CONTINUATION OF UN FORCES IN THE SINAI, AND MIGHT REALLY PREFER TO ELIMINATE THEM AND REPLACE THEM

WITH SOME KIND OF JOINT ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN MONITORING  
DEVICE, PERHAPS WITH A US COMPONENT INVOLVED.  
I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THIS PERCEPTION OF HIS IS INDEED  
ACCURATE, BUT I HAVE HEARD THIS SAME THING NOW FROM  
BEGIN, WEIZMAN AND DAYAN SO SOMETHING MUST CLEARLY HAVE  
BEEN SAID IN ISMAILIA TO GIVE THEM THE SENSE THAT THE  
UN FORCE OPTION IS LESS THAN POPULAR WITH THE EGYPTIANS.  
DAYAN SAID HE THOUGHT ONE OF THE REASONS WAS THAT THE  
EGYPTIANS WERE VERY RELUCTANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH  
HAVING TO RENEW THE UN FORCE AT REGULAR INTERVALS IN  
THE FUTURE.

6. WOULD APPRECIATE EGYPTIAN AND US REACTIONS TO THESE  
VIEWS ON THE AGENDA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. LEWIS  
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